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LETTERS FROM EUROPE

TOUCHING THE

AMERICAN CONTEST,

AND

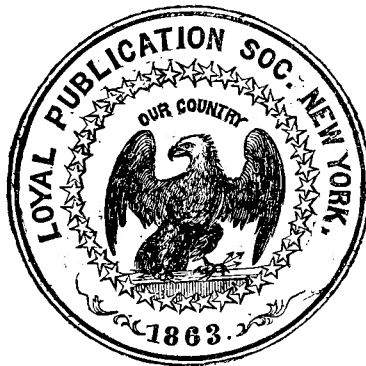
ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT, FROM CITIZENS OF
NEW YORK, OF PRESENTATION SETS

OF THE

“REBELLION RECORD,”

AND

“LOYAL PUBLICATION SOCIETY” PUBLICATIONS.



New York :

PUBLISHED BY THE LOYAL PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

1864.

EXPLANATORY.

A NUMBER of liberal-minded citizens of New York, having suggested the propriety of placing in the hands of influential friends of the Union cause in Europe, and in some of the public libraries there, an authentic collection of the essential documents and facts connected with our national struggle—and also some of the best statements of the causes and aspects of the rebellion, which have been issued in separate pamphlets, a fund was subscribed for that purpose by about sixty gentlemen—and sets of the “REBELLION RECORD,” in morocco, half russia, or cloth, were purchased and forwarded to fifty-five persons and libraries in Great Britain and the continent. The Loyal Publication Society’s pamphlets, similarly bound, were sent at the same time.

Various causes appear to have delayed the responses to the letters accompanying the books ; and in some eight or ten instances no response has been received to this date (October 25). The books for Count Gasparin were erroneously sent to Paris instead of Geneva. All the packages were forwarded through Austin, Baldwin & Co.’s European Express, and expenses paid to their destination.

NEW YORK, *Oct. 25, 1864.*

PRELIMINARY.

From the New York Evening Post, March 11, 1864.

A PRACTICAL AND USEFUL COMPLIMENT.

“At the Union League Club, last evening, some fifty gentlemen assembled to see the books they had caused to be prepared to be sent to Europe. The books are handsomely and appropriately bound by Matthews, and each set is accompanied by a letter, substantially as follows :

NEW YORK, *March*, 1864.

To.. . . .

SIR: The undersigned, citizens of New York, have united in purchasing a number of sets of a work, entitled the “Rebellion Record,” to be transmitted to influential gentlemen, and a few of the public libraries in Europe; believing that the comprehensive collection of documentary materials for history which this work contains, will be useful in conveying just views and accurate information in regard to all aspects of the great struggle in which our nation is engaged.

Will you do us the favor to present these volumes to the Managers of... ..for their acceptance?

WM. H. ASPINWALL,
HIRAM BARNEY,
MARTIN BATES, JR., & Co.,
JAS. W. BEEKMAN,
JAMES BROWN,
WILLIAM T. BLODGETT,
BENTLEY & BURTON,
CAYLUS, DE RUYTER & Co.,
HENRY CHAUNCEY,
S. B. CHITTENDEN,
H. B. CLAFLIN,
J. LORIMER GRAHAM, JR.,
CHARLES C. GOODHUE,
GEO. GRISWOLD,
JOHN C. GREEN,
SHEPHERD GANDY,
GIRARD, BARBY & CO.,
CHAS. A. HECKSHER,
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RICHARD M. HUNT,
SETH V. HUNT,
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JAMES LENOX,
LEGRAND LOCKWOOD,
ROBERT B. MINTURN,
L. MARX & CO.,
MORSE & CO.,
LEVI P. MORTON,
WM. NIBLO,
JOHN PAINE,
ALBERT CLARK,
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ELLIOT C. COWDIN,
THOMAS N. DALE,
CHARLES R. DEGEN,

F. H. DELANO,
 WILLIAM E. DODGE,
 WILLIAM E. DODGE, JR.,
 JAMES M. DRAKE & CO.,
 SIMEON DRAPER,
 WILLIAM H. FOGG,
 H. E. PIERREPONT,
 JOHN C. PETERS,
 HOWARD POTTER,
 THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
 ROBT. B. ROOSEVELT,
 GEO. S. RAINSFORD,
 SCHUCHARDT & GEBHARD,
 ISAAC T. SMITH,

JOHN STEWARD,
 ROBERT L. STUART,
 RUTHERFORD STUYVESANT,
 OTIS D. SWAN,
 E. W. STOUGHTON,
 GEO. T. STRONG,
 SHERMAN & WIBIRT,
 H. H. SWIFT,
 ALEX. VAN RENSSELAER,
 GEO. C. WARD,
 WM. H. WEBB,
 EDWARD WESTON,
 A. R. WETMORE,
 SAMUEL WETMORE,

JOHN D. WOLFE.

“Complete sets of the RECORD are purchased by the above gentlemen for the following persons, and each set is thus inscribed :

The Libraries of—

HER MAJESTY, QUEEN VICTORIA,
 H. M., THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA,
 H. M., THE KING OF ITALY,
 H. M., THE EMPEROR OF BRAZIL.

RICHARD COBDEN, Esq., M. P.,
 JOHN BRIGHT, Esq., M. P.,
 JOHN STUART MILL, Esq.,
 HON. EDWARD ELLICE, M. P.
 PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, Oxford,
 PROF. THOROLD ROGERS, “
 PROF. J. F. CAIRNES, Dublin,
 REV. NEWMAN HALL,
 RT. HON. MILNER GIBSON,
 THE EARL OF CARLISLE,
 THE DUKE OF ARGYLL,
 W. E. FORSTER, Esq., M. P.,
 HON. AND REV. BAPTIST NOEL,
 REV. DR. MASSIE,
 GEO. ELLIOTT, Esq., London,
 HON. FRANCIS MOWATT, London,
 HARRIET MARTINEAU,
 FERD. FREILIGRATH, London,
 MONS. A. LAUGEL, London,
 WM. EVANS, Esq., London,
 NASSAU W. SENIOR, Esq., London,
 COUNT A. GASPARIN, Paris,
 M. EDOUARD LABOULAYE, Paris,
 THE ST. JAMES' CLUB, London,

M. AUGUST COCHIN, Paris,
 M. HENRI MARTIN, Paris,
 THE PRINCE NAPOLEON, Paris,
 THE PRINCE DE JOINVILLE, “
 BARON ROEME, Berlin,
 PROFESSOR P. A. HANSEN, Gotha,
 HIS EXCELLENCY J. J. ROCHUS-
 SEN, The Hague,
 H. R. H. LE DUC D'AUMALE,
 ADRIEN NAVILLE, Esq., Geneva,
 THE CITY LIBRARY, Hamburg,
 THE CITY LIBRARY, Frankft, o. M.
 THE ROYAL LIBRARY, Berlin,
 THE ROYAL LIBRARY, Stuttgart,
 THE ROYAL LIBRARY, Dresden.

THE FREE LIBRARY, Manchester,
 THE FREE LIBRARY, Liverpool,
 THE MECHANICS' LIBRARY, Glas-
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 THE MECHANICS' LIBRARY, Edin-
 burgh,
 THE REFORM CLUB, London,
 THE WHITTINGTON CLUB, Lon-
 don,
 THE EMANCIPATION SOCIETY,
 London,
 UNION AND EMANCIPATION SO-
 CIETY, Manchester.

Editors of THE DAILY NEWS, London,
“ THE STAR, London,
“ THE EXAMINER, Manchester,
“ THE POST, Liverpool,
“ THE MERCURY, Leeds,
“ CALEDONIAN MERCURY, Edinburgh.

“The Loyal Publication Society’s documents, forty-two in number, bound in one volume, are to be sent at the same time to the above persons and libraries.

“A warm interest was manifested in this compliment to our influential friends abroad, and the manner of its execution seemed to give general satisfaction, and to create a desire that the list of recipients of the books should be considerably extended. The importance of such a work of reference, of authentic character, within reach of all intelligent readers in Europe, is so obvious, that our best citizens promptly recognize it, and have cheerfully responded to the suggestion.

The *Albany Evening Journal*, in noticing this friendly literary gift, says :
“This is an era in American literature, and the first time in the history of any literature, that a work of one nation has been sent to another for its political edification and instruction. It deserves to be placed on record.”

LETTERS FROM EUROPE,

IN RESPONSE TO CITIZENS OF NEW YORK WHO HAD PRESENTED BOOKS, ETC., ON THE AMERICAN CONTEST.

FROM W. E. FORSTER, ESQ., M. P.

REFORM CLUB, PALL MALL,
LONDON, *June 10, 1864.*

SIR: I have received a note from Mr. Putnam, of New York, informing me that several gentlemen—influential citizens of New York—have been so good as to present me with copies of the volumes of the Rebellion Record up to a recent date, together with a copy of the pamphlets issued by the New York Loyal Publication Society, and requesting me to acknowledge the receipt to yourself.

Will you be good enough to inform these gentlemen that I have received the volumes in safety, and to return them my most sincere thanks for a present so valuable, and to which in fulfilling my parliamentary duties I shall often find it most useful to refer.

Most earnestly hoping that the time is quickly approaching when no more numbers of a Rebellion Record will have to appear in your country, when peace and freedom will prevail throughout the Union,

I am, sir, yours, very respectfully,

W. E. FORSTER.

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq.

FROM RIGHT HON. MILNER GIBSON, M. P.

LONDON, *May 21, 1864.*

SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Putnam's letter informing me that a set of volumes entitled the Rebellion Record, together with a copy of the pamphlets issued by the Loyal Publication Society of New York, have been offered for my acceptance by sundry citizens of New York, whose names were enclosed in a circular.

May I beg you to convey to those gentlemen my high sense of their kindness and to thank them for the works in question.

Yours very faithfully,

THOS. MILNER GIBSON.

P. S.—The works have duly arrived.

FERDINAND FREILIGRATH, THE GERMAN POET.

LONDON, 2 ROYAL EX. BUILDINGS,

May 27, 1864.

DEAR SIR: According to Mr. G. P. Putnam's desire, I beg to indicate to you the receipt of a set of the "Rebellion Record" (6 volumes), together with a copy of the pamphlets issued by the Loyal Publication Society of your city—the whole transmitted to me by Mr. Putnam as a gift of several citizens of New York, you among the number.

I desire to tell you, dear sir, how highly I prize the honor thus conferred on me, and how proud I am to accept it. Let me offer to you—to you and to your friends—my deeply-felt thanks for your kindness.

The "Rebellion Record," I find by a first rapid glance, is an invaluable collection of materials for the future historian of your present gigantic national struggle. I promise myself much instruction from its perusal, and hope that the impression which it is sure to make upon my mind with its mass of detailed information of all-absorbing interest, will enable me ere long to send you something in return which, however small and insignificant in comparison with your noble gift yet will show you the sympathy I feel with your cause—with the cause of the Union—with the cause of liberty and humanity!

That that cause may soon be completely victorious, and that the "Rebellion Record," notwithstanding all its literary merit, may not live to see many more volumes added to its present number, is my earnest and heartfelt wish.

Believe me, dear sir,

Yours ever truly and gratefully,

F. FREILIGRATH.

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq.,

Loyal Publication Society, New York.

HON. AND REV. BAPTIST NOEL,

36 Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, W.

LONDON, May 17.

GENTLEMEN: Accept my thanks for a copy of the "Rebellion Record," which I value as a token of your esteem.

May God grant you speedy and complete victory, and may your nation—freed from the yoke of the slaveholders and saved from the

dismemberment they have plotted—be among the foremost of the nations in religion, in morals, in knowledge, and in every kind of prosperity.

Believe me, your obedient servant,

BAPTIST W. NOEL.

MESSRS. ASPINWALL, BARNEY, and others.

PROF. J. F. CAIRNES, UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

94 LOWER MOUNT STREET,

DUBLIN, *May* 21, 1864.

SIR: I have received your letter of 26th ulto., in which you apprise me of having forwarded, on behalf of the gentlemen mentioned in the circular you enclose, a set of "The Rebellion Record," together with a volume of the pamphlets issued by the Loyal Publication Society, for my acceptance.

Allow me in reply to express the profound and grateful sense I entertain of the high honor conferred on me by this handsome and highly-esteemed gift.

The volumes have reached me in perfect safety, and shall be preserved as a proud memorial of the generous recognition accorded by those citizens of New York to my humble efforts to set forth the causes of a struggle in which, as I firmly believe, are involved some of the dearest and most vital interests of the human race.

I am, sir, with sincere respect,

Your faithful servant,

J. F. CAIRNES.

GEO. P. PUTNAM, Esq.

REV. DR. MASSIE, AUTHOR OF A WORK ON THE AMERICAN CONFLICT.

20 LONSDALE TERRACE,

LONDON, *May* 18, 1864.

DEAR SIR: The copy of "Rebellion Record," six volumes, and one volume of the publications by the "Loyal Publication Society," presented by citizens of New York to myself, have been received by me. The value I put upon the work is great. I had carefully scanned almost every page of the first five volumes, which I purchased in New York at the close of a visit to America. It would be well for

many of my countrymen if they would study, as I have done, the phases of your conflict as exhibited in that publication; and would save not a few men from subsequent shame for their prejudiced and erroneous judgment, expressed sometimes with great flippancy, in speech and writing, concerning the United States and their government.

I trust the day is not distant when the facts of legislation and the action of the several states will demonstrate the salutary progress of true universal liberty among citizens of every color in the Union—when the curse of slavery has been removed, and the ripened fruit of that curse, the rebellion, has been cast into perdition! America need fear no antagonist within or beyond the boundary of her territory.

My prayer every day is, that the yoke and rod of the oppressor may be broken, and the victims of tyranny may be set free. Let America exhibit equal justice to ALL. And yet, I apprehend, equal justice would entail fearful retribution to those who have traded in slaves and the souls of men. But God has said, "Vengeance is mine."

Will you convey my grateful thanks for the gift which I now acknowledge, and believe me, faithfully yours,

JAMES W MASSIE.

RICHARD COBDEN, ESQ., M. P.

LONDON, *June 3, 1864.*

SIR: I have duly received a set of a work entitled the "Rebellion Record," together with a volume of pamphlets, forwarded to me by a body of gentlemen in New York city. Let me beg you and those with whom you are associated to accept my grateful acknowledgments for this act of courtesy. The volumes, however, are acceptable on higher than mere personal grounds. They contain an armory of facts which cannot fail to be serviceable to those who, like myself, are humbly but earnestly endeavoring to disseminate sound views upon the nature of your struggle in defence of civilization and freedom. It was a happy thought of your patriotic body which prompted them to place their weapons of moral warfare in the hands of your friends throughout Europe, to sustain their faith in your good cause, and enable them to convince, or at least confute, their and your opponents in the field of controversy. Again begging you and your colleagues to accept my sincere thanks,

I remain, very truly yours,

RIC'D COBDEN.

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq.

JOHN BRIGHT, ESQ., M. P.

[Mr. Bright's letter acknowledging the books sent by the New York subscribers, has been mislaid. The following, written early in 1863, is interesting, as showing this noble man's consistent and unwavering faith in the Union cause throughout all its trials and dangers.]

LONDON, Feb'y 27, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR: I have received your handsome and most acceptable present of the four volumes of the "*Record of the Rebellion*."

I have often wished for the work, and had intended to have bought it. The copy you have sent me I shall value highly, as I do the kind feeling toward me which prompted you to send it to me.

Your work is original in its character. It must be far more complete and accurate than any other history that has ever been written, and a hundred years hence it will be regarded as the most remarkable and one of the most valuable of the works produced on your Continent.

I hope in its conclusion it will have to tell of the entire uprooting of Slavery, and of the perfect restoration of a grand and purified Union.

You will have observed, that in England a great change in opinion is taking place, or an opinion hitherto silent is being expressed. In every town great meetings are held to discuss the "American question," and invariably resolutions are almost unanimously agreed to in favor of the North and Union, and the Abolition of Slavery.

I hope we may soon have tidings of the progress of your government in recovering the revolted States, and see some prospect of the great contest coming to a close. The divisions in the North create uneasiness here as being calculated to weaken the President, and to give fresh hopes to the South. I hope with you they appear less formidable than to us who look upon them from a distance.

Thanking you most sincerely for your handsome and valuable gift, and for the kind words you have inscribed in the first volume,

I am, with great respect, yours most truly,

JOHN BRIGHT.

G. P. PUTNAM, Esq.

REFORM CLUB, PALL MALL,
LONDON, *June 7, 1864.*

SIR: I am directed to beg you, and the gentlemen associated with you, under the title of the *Loyal Publication Society of New York*, to accept the best thanks of the Library Committee of this club for your very obliging donation to the club, of the *six volumes* of the *Rebellion Record*, and the volume of *Miscellaneous Tracts* accompanying the same. So important a publication will be sure to be regarded with interest, and the members of the club generally cannot but highly appreciate the honor you have done them, by enriching their library with a valuable contribution to contemporary history.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

HENRY CAMPKIN, F. S. A.

Librarian, Reform Club.

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq.

REFORM CLUB, PALL MALL,
LONDON, *June 7, 1864.*

DEAR SIR: I cannot allow my official acknowledgment of the safe arrival of your handsome present to leave England without accompanying it by a less formal note from myself, to assure you how deeply I have sympathized, from the very first, with you and your fellow-citizens in the tremendous struggle which has been forced upon you by the attempted disruption of the Union, on the part of the Slaveholding States.

It would be idle to pretend that in a club comprising 1,400 members, held together by the simple fact, that they all espouse, more or less energetically, the principle of Liberalism in Home politics, every one of its members holds the same opinion in regard to American affairs.

But of this you may rest assured, that many of the most eminent of these members are not committed to the suicidal view which the pro-slavery advocates endeavor to uphold.

I regret the terrible ordeal through which it seems to be the fate of the Union to pass, ere it achieves the great end to which its patriotic efforts are directed, but I have so unwavering a faith in the ultimate triumph of the principles of justice, that gloomy as the outbreak

sometimes appears to my insular vision, I cannot but feel confident that in the end the enormous sacrifices which your nation is making will be crowned with that full and complete success which every patriotic heart among you is praying and striving for.

Neither would I have you believe that we are nose-led by some of your anti-northern newspapers. Those newspapers have special features in them which render them readable, quite apart from their views on foreign politics, and you may rest assured, that every Englishman who turns to a newspaper for his home views and politics is not therefore an endorser of all the opinions enunciated in the more speculative portion of its columns, to wit, its leading articles. Above all, let me beg of you to rest content, that the great heart of England could not and would not so belie itself as to extend a sympathizing hand to those whose efforts towards the destruction of the American Union are guided by a desire to uphold a system, in her determination to abolish which, in her own possessions, England gave such costly proofs of her sincerity and earnestness. Cordially wishing speedy success to your noble work,

I am, dear sir, ever faithfully yours,

HENRY CAMPKIN.

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq.

J. STUART MILL, AUTHOR OF "POLITICAL ECONOMY," &c.

BLACKHEATH PARK, KENT,

July 2, 1864.

SIR: On returning from abroad I have had the pleasure of finding the copy of the "Rebellion Record," and of the pamphlets of the Loyal Publication Society, which the distinguished body of citizens of New York mentioned in your letter of April 26, have done me the honor to send me.

I beg to return my sincere thanks for the present in every sense so valuable; and in doing so I take the opportunity of renewing the expression of my warm admiration for the energy and constancy displayed by the people of the Free States in their present gigantic struggle, to the success of which I look forward as full of the most important consequences to humanity, stretching into the remotest future.

I am, sir, with great respect,

Yours very truly,

J. S. MILL.

WHITTINGTON CLUB.

37 ARUNDEL ST., STRAND,
LONDON, *May* 28, 1864.

DEAR SIR: I duly received a set of the "Rebellion Record" and a copy of the Pamphlets issued by the Loyal Publication Society of New York, through the express of Messrs. Austin, Baldwin & Co., and as requested, presented the same in the name of citizens of New York to the managing committee of the Whittington Club for their acceptance.

The committee have been pleased to accept the valuable present, and direct me to request you will be kind enough to return their best thanks to the several gentlemen belonging to your distinguished city, who have honored the club with so flattering an attention. They also desire me to express a hope that the struggle in which the country is at present engaged may eventuate in the consolidation of the empire and the good alike of the North and the South.

With assurance of the highest consideration, I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. D. GRUYTHER,
Sec.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GLASGOW.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION,
38 BATH ST., GLASGOW, *May* 18, 1864.

SIR: I am duly in receipt of your favor of 26th April last, advising despatch of the "Rebellion Record," and a copy of the Pamphlets of the Loyal Publication Society addressed to this Institution. The box enclosing these came to hand on the 16th inst. ; and I am instructed by the Directors of this Institution to acknowledge receipt of the very handsome volumes, and to request you to present to the donors their best thanks.

I beg also to direct attention to the enclosed newspaper report of a public meeting of our Institution held last night, at which the books were exhibited, and a unanimous vote of thanks awarded to the donors.

I am, sir, yours truly,
J. McDOUGAL,
Secy.

[EXTRACT.]

“Mr. David More read a letter, dated the 26th of April, lately received by their librarian from New York. It stated that several citizens of that city had united in purchasing a number of sets of a work by Frank Moore, entitled the ‘Rebellion Record,’ to be ‘transmitted to influential gentlemen and a few of the public libraries in Europe, believing that the comprehensive collection of documentary materials for history which the work contained, would be useful in conveying just views and accurate information in regard to all aspects of the great struggle in which the American nation was engaged.’ On behalf of those gentlemen, the writer had been requested to ask the librarian of the institution to present to the managers of the Mechanics’ Library a complete set of the above-mentioned volumes. The books are very neatly got up, and are embellished with many fine portraits. A vote of thanks was heartily given to the donors of the volumes.’

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND GALLERY OF ART OF THE
TOWN OF LIVERPOOL.

TOWN HALL, LIVERPOOL, *May*, 1864.

The Mayor and Corporation beg to convey to “A number of citizens of New York” their best acknowledgments for the under-mentioned contribution, viz.:

Six volumes of a work entitled “The Rebellion Record,” and one volume from the Loyal Publication Society.

CHARLES MORLEY,
Mayor.

EMANCIPATION SOCIETY.

65 FLEET STREET,
LONDON, *May* 18, 1864.

DEAR SIR: On behalf of the Committee of the Emancipation Society, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a complete set of the volumes of the “Rebellion Record,” and also a bound copy of the pamphlets of the Loyal Publication Society.

I beg to return you our several thanks for the handsome and acceptable present, and at the same time to assure you of our deep sympathy with the cause which every loyal American has at heart, and

our earnest hope that the restoration of the Union and the downfall of slavery may be speedily effected.

I remain, dear sir, your faithful servant,

F. W. CHASSON,

Secretary.

UNION AND EMANCIPATION SOCIETY OF MANCHESTER.

[Printed.]—"The North is for freedom, the South for slavery. The North is for freedom of discussion, the South represses freedom of discussion with the tar brush and pine faggot."

51 PICCADILLY,
MANCHESTER, *May 27, 1864.*

DEAR SIR: The Executive of this Society express their cordial acceptance of the present made to them of the Record of the Rebellion and the Loyal League Publications, and assure you that they appreciate the recognition of their labors as a further incitement to continued action in the cause of national amity and good will.

On behalf of the Executive,

I am yours respectfully,

JOHN H. ESTCOURT,

Chairman.

HARRIET MARTINEAU,

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORELAND, *July 11, 1864.*

GENTLEMEN: I beg to offer you my best acknowledgments for the copy of the "Rebellion Record," which I have received from you. I have valued that work exceedingly from its first appearance, and I shall now deposit the copy I had before in some public library, where it will be read by the largest number of our working class.

It is with that class that the keenest and most enlightened interest is felt in the progress of your great conflict—except that, if we regard the first rate men of all descriptions as a class, their interest is the deepest and most enlightened—I mean, of course, on behalf of the North, all the *enlightenment* being on that side.

Believe me, I will do my best to put your gift to a good use; and perhaps, it is not ill-bestowed on one who is always trying to make the case of your great second revolution understood in this country.

I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

HARRIET MARTINEAU.

REV. NEWMAN HALL.

28 NEW TINCHLER ROAD,
LONDON, N. W., *July 25, 1864.*

DEAR SIR: I beg, through you, to return my hearty thanks to those gentlemen who have sent me the "Rebellion Record." I shall always prize it very highly for its intrinsic value, and for the honor thus conferred on me.

From the very first I could find no term for the action of the "South" than the one used in the title of the work. The parallel sometimes drawn between the Rebellion of the South and the secession of the American colonies from Great Britain, fails in every particular. The American colonies were a mere dependency—were not fully represented—were treated unjustly, and they petitioned before they drew the sword.

But the Southern States were an integral part of the nation—were represented more powerfully than the rest in proportion to population—had enjoyed through many years a preponderance of influence in the state—had no injustice to complain of—did not first seek constitutional methods of obtaining their wishes—but did avail themselves of the last of the advantages of the Constitution, in order, under cover of the law, to prepare traitorously to overthrow that law. And, what is chief of all—the American colonies revolted solely for Freedom—the South rebel solely that they may perpetuate and extend slavery, under the false cry of National Independence and Freedom.

The very handsome set of volumes sent me, are therefore truly designated the *Rebellion Record*. This is the character of the war on the part of the South, whatever the result may be. Wickedness sometimes seems to triumph for a while, even as Pharaoh long held out against Moses and God, only that his destruction might be more signal at last. I pray—not the Southerners may be destroyed, but that they may be saved through the destruction of their *wickedness*.

I hope still to see America *one* and free. But should this not be, God grant that slavery and war may both cease to sadden and desolate your great and glorious country.

Constant absence from home must be my apology for allowing this handsome present to remain so long unacknowledged.

Believe me to be, dear sir, with sincere and respectful thanks, to the donors, very faithfully yours,

NEWMAN HALL.

PROF. THOROLD ROGERS, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

OXFORD, *May* 19, 1864.

MY DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge a letter from Mr. Putnam, of New York, and a case containing six volumes of the "Rebellion Record," together with a collection of pamphlets issued by the Loyal Publication Society of New York.

I am profoundly sensible of the great distinction which is conferred on me by the present of these valuable authorities for the history of the great war in which the people of America are engaged, and I ask you to convey my grateful thanks to the gentlemen who have bestowed this honor on me.

Among the many characteristics of your great nation, none is, I think, so admirable, and none is certainly so singular, as your habit of generously appreciating enlightened public opinion in other countries, and of according the kindest acknowledgments to those who seek to judge you justly, and to interpret fairly the functions which you fulfil in the work of human progress. And with those who are aware of how large has been the contribution of the United States to the general good of mankind, and how the growth of a true liberty is helped by the prosperity of your institutions, any danger or difficulty which threatens you is a cause for the keenest anxiety, any success for the warmest congratulation

We are bound, indeed, apart from the general duties which we owe you, to recognize in your quarrel that the issue involved is the triumph of public conscience and public duty over a conspiracy unequalled in the history of the world for shamelessness and perfidy. To maintain that which you are striving to support, is not only to fight your own battle, the battle for the integrity of your people, but to combat for the largest and truest interests of the human race. And I, for one, cannot for a moment doubt that, despite the delays you have endured and the vast sacrifices you have made, your ultimate success will be equal to the goodness of your cause and the resolution of your national will.

Accept again, my dear sir, the assurance of my great indebtedness to you, and believe me to be

Your obliged and faithful servant,

JAMES E. THOROLD ROGERS.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

OXFORD, *May* 21, 1864.

SIR : I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the six volumes of "Record of the Rebellion," together with the volume of United States Loyal Publications, and to return my best thanks to the donors for their handsome and most acceptable gift. There are few to whom it would be more interesting than to me, for I believe I may say with truth that no American has watched the vicissitudes of this war with more heartfelt solicitude than I have.

I have not yet had time to study the collection of documents, but I can perceive at a glance that they are of a very valuable kind, and impartially selected ; such as will furnish good material for the future historian.

And assuredly, future historians can have no greater theme than the revolt of the slaveowners, and the unparalleled struggle to which it has led. The restoration of the Union is an object, the importance of which no one can fail to recognize who has considered how disastrous an effect the fate of the American commonwealth would have on the councils of the world. The redemption of the African race from the hopeless slavery into which the authors of the rebellion are striving to hurry them, is also an object dear to every heart in which the spirit of Christianity, or even common humanity, resides. But far above these objects in importance is the future of the American continent, which hangs on the issue of this war, and which, as victory may incline to loyalty or to rebellion, will become the heritage of freedom and of social justice, or of tyranny darker and fouler than the darkest and foulest tyrannies of the Old World.

This contest touches the dearest interests and moves the inmost hearts of men not on your continent alone. Everywhere it is felt to be, as in truth it is, a contest between the great parties which divide mankind—the party of justice and of the future, and of the party of privilege and of the past. You have friends of the rebel slaveowners among you in the North ; so have we, and the same are enemies not only of the American Republic, but of the hopes of man.

The present crisis is one full of terrible anxiety, but the result, I trust, is not doubtful. It is for good and not for evil that Providence has made the world. I earnestly pray that decisive victory may soon attend your arms, and that the return of peace may bring with it, as assuredly it will, an increase of national greatness, in the noblest sense

of the term, to reward you for the efforts which you have made and the blood which you have poured out in the common cause of man.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very faithfully yours,

GOLDWIN SMITH.

[TRANSLATIONS.]

HENRI MARTIN, PARIS.

PARIS, May 20, 1864.

To the Members of the Loyal Publication Society :

I have received the valuable collection of papers relating to the present war ("Rebellion Record"), in six volumes, besides the volume of pamphlets published by the Loyal Publication Society, which you have done me the honor to send me.

I beg you to please receive the expression of my gratitude for the gift, equally valuable, with reference, either to politics or history. As one of your newspapers very justly remarks, it is one of the most novel and striking events in literary history—this appeal of a nation to ordinary citizens of other nations, outside of official diplomatic relations, to induce them to inform themselves concerning the great country, which thus addresses them, and, to furnish them with the means of doing so. You have correctly supposed, that the fortunes of the United States, and the extreme crisis through which they are passing, concerns civilization itself and makes its influence felt on all. A crisis, from which, I am one of those who firmly believe, you will come victorious, and delivered from the curse of slavery, which you have inherited from the past. Its gloomy shadow will cease to darken the glory and compromise the genuineness of your free democratic institution.

Every one who can aid your country and ours in better understanding each other—every one who forcibly recalls to France and to America the ties which originally united them, and which ought never to cease to unite them—deserves well of mankind. The greatest misfortune for the civilization and liberty of the world would be that these ties should ever part or be broken. Our duty towards you consists in the maintenance of them.

Pray, receive, gentlemen, together with my thanks, the expression of my high consideration and lively sympathy.

H. MARTIN.

EDWARD LABOULAYE.

PARIS, *June 14*, 1864.

SIR: I have received the magnificent volumes of the "Rebellion Record" which some honorable citizens of New York have been pleased to send me. I do not know how to thank them for the especial honor which they have done me on this occasion. If I have been fortunate enough to defend the cause of the North, I have been a thousand times recompensed by the good wishes of your compatriots, and I can say that at the bottom of my heart I am one of you—a true American.

It only remains for me to express the desire that the "Rebellion Record" will terminate soon by the triumph of a cause which is that of justice, of liberty, and of humanity.

Be kind enough, sir, to be my interpreter to those gentlemen whose names I shall always keep in remembrance; and permit me to call myself, with a perfect sympathy,

Your very devoted servant,

EDW. LABOULAYE.

AUGUSTIN COCHIN, AUTHOR OF "RESULTS OF EMANCIPATION."

25 RUE ST. GUILLAUME,
PARIS, *May 22*, 1864.

SIR: I am very proud at having been included among those friends of the United States, to whom your patriotic association sent the papers, collected under the name of the "Rebellion Record." I do not deserve this honor by the splendor of any services I have rendered your cause. I do deem myself worthy of it by the strength and constancy of my loyal sympathy with it. It was an excellent idea to collect these papers, and so prepare materials for the true history of your bloody and gigantic struggle. In Europe, we derive the impressions, by which public opinion is formed, only from English newspapers and Southern correspondence. It is important to your cause to put your friends in possession of facts, answers, the sequence of events; the text of legislative enactments, all of them then will be able to make use of them for the establishment of the truth and the vindication of right.

At this very moment, we are waiting for news of the battle of the 9th and 10th of May, with the most painful anxiety. May the Sovereign Disposer regard the expiation which he has exacted from your country, as sufficient, and vouchsafe victory to those who are defending with

the integrity of their country, the freedom of those of human form like their own.

Please receive, sir, and present to your association, my sincere thanks, and assure them of my feelings of respect.

AUGUSTIN COCHIN.

I received precisely the volumes mentioned in the letter that accompanied them.

FROM ADRIEN NAVILLE, ESQ.

GENEVA, *May* 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the package you were kind enough to address to me, on behalf of Mr. James Lenox, containing six volumes of the American "Rebellion Record," with the Appendix, and a copy of the publications of the Loyal Publication Society of New York. I received also the letter dated April 14, in which you inform me of this enclosure.

I am very much gratified by this interesting communication, and wrote directly to Mr. J. Lenox, to thank him for it.

I earnestly hope, that the blessing of God will crown your efforts, and that soon peace will be restored to your beautiful country, while at the same time it is delivered from the curse of slavery. We follow with the greatest interest every event of this gigantic struggle, which ought to end in the triumph of the right.

Receive, sir, my most cordial salutations,

J. ADRIEN NAVILLE.

LIBRARY OF THE FREE CITY OF FRANKFORT.

We received on the 14th of May, 1864, by mail, postage paid, Vols. I. to VI., and Parts 39, 40, 41, of the Rebellion Record; the six volumes elegantly bound in fine half russia, and Parts 39, 40, 41, in pamphlet form.

"Presented by citizens of New York to the City Library, Frankfort."

Besides, "Companion to the Rebellion Record," being a supplementary volume. New York, 1864: Parts I. to VI., in six pamphlets

Finally, "United States Loyal Publications," 1863-4, Nos. 1 to 42 (New York, 1863-4), large octavo.

"Presented to the City Library, Frankfort," (by Mr. James Lenox), similarly bound in fine half russia.

At the same time, that the management of the City Library, most respectfully hereto subscribing, deeply touched by the delicate attention, that even went so far as to defray the expenses of transmission, expresses its most profound gratitude to all the donors in the most cordial manner for this magnificent gift, it avails itself of this opportunity of assuring them of its highest esteem.

DR. HAULISEN.

FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN, *May* 19, 1864.

THE PRINCE NAPOLEON TO THE HON. EDW. EVERETT.

PARIS, *May* 19, 1864.

MY DEAR MR. EVERETT: I have received from New York a box of books, containing a volume, entitled, "Pamphlets of the Loyal Society," and six volumes, entitled, "The Rebellion Record, a Diary of American Events."

This package not being accompanied by any letter,* I do not know by whom the books have been presented to me; but "The Rebellion Record" contains an introduction by you. I thought that you might know to whom I am indebted for this mark of respect, and I am about to beg you to be kind enough to communicate my thanks to those of your fellow-citizens who have had the politeness to send me the books.

The occurrence is fortunate, my dear Mr. Everett, for me, as it affords me an opportunity of expressing the kind remembrance I retain of you, and of assuring you of my feelings of affection.

NAPOLEON (JEROME).

EDITOR OF THE MORNING STAR, LONDON.

DORSET STREET,

LONDON, *June* 21, 1864.

DEAR SIR: I have now, on behalf of the Editor, to acknowledge the due receipt of copies of the "Rebellion Record," presented to

* A letter was sent at the same time as to others designated,

him by gentlemen at New York, and at the same time to assure you how very highly he appreciates this mark of the donors' kind consideration and regard.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
A. H. DYMOND, *Secretary*.

THE LEEDS MERCURY.

LEEDS MERCURY OFFICE,
June 17, 1864.

SIR: We beg to offer, through you, our thanks to those citizens of New York who have united to present the "Leeds Mercury," among others, with the valuable collection of documents comprised in the seven volumes of the "Rebellion Record." We shall, we doubt not, often find them of great utility.

Trusting that right may prevail in the present war, we are, sir,
Yours, faithfully,
EDWARD BAINES & SON.

THE KING OF ITALY.

FROM HON. GEO. P. MARSH, AMERICAN MINISTER, TURIN.

DEAR SIR: The volumes referred to in your letter of April 26, 1864, were received by me on the 18th August, and were sent next day to the Minister of Foreign Affairs with the circular of the donors, and a request that his Majesty's government would determine in what library they should be deposited.

You will perceive by the Minister's reply to my note, a copy of which I enclose herewith, that this valuable gift has been thankfully received and placed in the Royal library.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
GEO. P. MARSH.

GEORGE P. PUTNAM, Esq.,
New York.

P. S.—Since writing the above I have received a second communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a copy of which together with its enclosure I send herewith.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TURIN.

TURIN, *August 22, 1864.*

SIR: With your note of the 19th inst., you have done me the honor to send me, in the name of a society of the citizens of New York, the volumes published up to this time, under its auspices, in relation to the most remarkable events of the war in the United States of America.

I thank you for the volumes, and hasten to inform you, that they have been sent to the Royal Library, in which this work certainly deserves a place.

I should be glad, sir, if you would have the goodness to apprise the Patriotic Society, which was kind enough to send them, that we return it our warmest thanks.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew the assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed)

M. CERRUTI.

To Monsieur MARSH,
Envoy Extraor. and Min. Plen. of the U. S. of America.

MINISTER OF THE HOUSEHOLD, TURIN.

TURIN, *August 31, 1864.*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR: I assumed the important office of presenting to his Majesty the gracious gift, which a society of citizens of New York were kind enough to make to his private library, of the first six volumes, with the accompanying documents, of the work in publication by them, in relation to the most memorable events of the war now going on in their country. His Majesty accepting with pleasure this valuable and most interesting tribute of respect and grateful for the feelings which prompted so noble a testimonial of homage and sympathy, deems it proper to direct me to pray you, most illustrious sir, to please convey the expression of his lively gratitude to the above-named association.

The work will be deposited in the Royal Library, in which are already found many other series of the same kind, and in conformity with the express requirements of the law, special instructions will be given, that the collection be at the disposal of those higher officers of state, who desire to read them.

I avail myself of the opportunity to present you, sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

The Minister of the Royal Household.

(Signed)

CIGNO.

To the most illustrious Signor,

THE MINISTER OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, *Turin.*

TURIN, *September 6, 1864.*

SIR: As I was sure would be the case, his Majesty, the King, has received with peculiar satisfaction the magnificent work on the war in the United States, which you have done me the honor to send me, on behalf of an association of citizens of New York.

I have, in fact, just received from the Minister of the Royal Household a letter expressing, in the most flattering terms the value which his Majesty places upon this interesting publication, and I hasten to send you a copy of it.

I beg you, sir, to have the kindness to make the society above-mentioned acquainted with its contents, and I avail myself with pleasure of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed)

For the Minister,

M. CERRUTI.

To Monsieur MARSH,
E. E. & M. P. of the United States.

THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

HON. C. M. CLAY, AMERICAN MINISTER.

ST. PETERSBURGH, RA., *Sept. 21, 1864.*

DEAR SIR: I have the pleasure to inform you that his Imperial Majesty has received the volumes of the "Rebellion Record," and ordered Prince Gortchacoff to return his thanks through me to the donors.

I am, your obt. servt.,

C. M. CLAY.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

The American Minister, Hon. Chas. Francis Adams, to whom the books for the Queen were sent, has not yet acknowledged their receipt. He was requested to present them either to the Queen's private library, or to any public library, as he might decide to be most fitting and expedient.

LETTER FROM J. H. ESTCOURT, ESQ., CHAIRMAN OF THE UNION
AND EMANCIPATION SOCIETY, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND.

41 DORSET STREET,
HUME, MANCHESTER, *July 1, 1864.*

MY DEAR SIR: The objects of your Loyal Publication Society are in the highest degree commendable, and will do immense service to the citizens of both countries. The crisis of this year is of solemn importance, and we on this side feel intensely the dangers arising therefrom.

From the first day that rebellion became a fact, to now, I have never doubted the issue. It must be and will be conquered. The sacrifice is vast, must be as extensive as the free people of the United States; and the keenness of mental suffering, anxiety and suspense endured by them are only known to themselves.

Physically, the Union power must subdue all its foes, but in the doing of that the multiplicity of dangers that come out of that subjugation is indeed alarming. Were your people less intelligent, less virtuous, less morally strong, the reaction would be a despotism, and Union; but with the mental force, the virtue, power, and the moral heroism, I see nothing to fear for the future. These forces must perceive clearly and distinctly all the dangers of the past connected with the damning slavery of the chivalry, and so seeing must rise up to that grand eminence of moral dignity that shall sleep not, nor weary, until the last shred of that garment of blood and oppression is cast into the sea, and thus the base of a new era will be laid in practical freedom and unity of principle. I am not disappointed at the result of the amendment of the constitution proposition, with the copper-head party so strong in the representative house. I could not calculate on a two-third majority, and now it will go to the country as a distinct platform for their acceptance, and to carry which a strong house will be elected.

There must be a positive prohibition in the constitution as well as a theoretical principle of all men's equality, and my prayer is that the American people will not let the politics of the country be calm until it is a certainty that the national government, by virtue of its supreme laws, must carry freedom *per se* into all its territory. Then shall the Atlantic ring out to the Pacific, and all the mountains and valleys catch the strain, God hath made of one blood all the nations of men to dwell together in peace. Sir, your country will then be the grandest moral power in the world; the greatest nation of free

labor among the nations of the earth ; and your prosperity be multiplied a thousand fold !

Yours, very faithfully,

JOHN HALL ESTCOURT.

WILLIAM T. BLODGETT, Esq.

COUNT A. DE GASPARIN.

LAUSANNE (VAUD), *October 20, 1864.*

It is to-day only that I received your letter, and, that I know to whom to address my thanks for the magnificent present that was sent to me, unaccompanied though by any letter whatever. I have written several times to America since, in order to inform you thereof, but without obtaining any answer. I deem it proper, however, to give you these explanations, fearing that my silence might be wrongly interpreted.

Will you therefore, dear sir, tell the "Loyal Publication Society" how much the thought has touched me which placed my name on your list.

They were not mistaken in believing that your noble cause had not a more devoted friend than I am. I pray to God that he may bless you above all in your approaching election. It seems to me that not to re-elect Mr. Lincoln would be risking everything at the eve of a conclusive success. I have written a letter to give expression to this thought ; it might, perhaps, be published with you, and produce some good.

Please to accept the assurance of highest consideration of your devoted

A. DE GASPARIN.

TO WILLIAM T. BLODGETT, Esq.

